



# Diamond Key Lodge

## Cottage Rentals

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# Pre-Arrival Information

## Spring, Summer & Fall 2024



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# Welcome

Our family would like to welcome you to the Diamond Key Resort.

We offer three cabins and the opportunity to rent the Panabode Main Lodge. We also have a Games room and the “nicest” fish fileting hut in Ontario.

The quiet setting and sunsets are spectacular, the fishing is superb and the stars at night will amaze you. The North East Corner of Georgian Bay and the North Shore Delta of Pickerel and French Rivers are truly postcard perfect. In addition, they are now protected by the Bio-Reserve as well as the French River Provincial Park system. When we say 30,000 islands, we aren't exaggerating.

Diamond Key Resort is located at the mouth of the Key River in the North East corner of the Georgian Bay. Our facility is situated on a prominent point just South of the historically famous Key Harbour offering a panoramic view of the Bay and the many islands and shoals to the West. The main lodge and cabins are well spaced on the grounds. All have a western view of those beautiful sunsets.

This is your chance to get away from the hustle of city life, unplug, soak in the calm surrounding, fish, eat and enjoy your friends or family.

If there is anything we can do to improve your experience, please ask. We are here to help.



**Chris & Ann Silverthorne  
Present Owners**

## Lodge & Cabin Amenities & Rates

The main lodge at Diamond Key is a Cedar Panabode – rich with history. It was originally the schoolhouse for the residents and later became a fish camp which began operating in 1949.

We offer 3 rental cabins, the main Cedar Panabode Lodge, a swimming raft, lots of dock space, a Games room and a wonderful fileting hut.

### **The Cedar Panabode Main Lodge**

The Panabode is a perfect spot for entertaining larger groups of people. It has a modern kitchen, a bar area, an expansive dining room and a washroom with a separate shower.

In addition, it has access to 1 bedroom.

Here are the details:

- One Bedroom with a double bed and a futon in main area
- Kitchen and Large Dining Area
  - Dishwasher & detergent
  - Commercial Fridge
  - Drinking water from drilled well
    - You do not have to bring bottled water
  - Seating for up to 16 people
- Large wrap-around Deck
- Beautiful Wood Burning Stove
- Bathroom with a separate shower room
- Communal BBQ

### **Three Housekeeping Rental Cabin Amenities:**

Our Cabins are fully equipped with the following:

- Three-piece bathroom. Hot and cold water
- Refrigerator and stove
- Dining table & chairs
- Sofas/couch
- Mattress covers, pillows and bedding
- All dishes, cutlery, pots & pans, toaster, coffee maker & Kettle
- Cleaning supplies & dish detergent
- Some toilet paper, paper towels & Kleenex
- Deck, picnic table & chairs

All the Cabins have a western view of the islands and Georgian Bay.

## Lodge & Cabin Amenities & Rates Con't

### **Cabin #1 - \$2,500/week + HST (May to September)**

Is the largest cabin and has 3 bedrooms, each bedroom has a double bed and single bunk beds

- Cabin #1 sleeps 12

### **Cabin #3 - \$2,500/week + HST (May to September)**

On the hill, this cabin has 3 bedrooms, 2 of the bedrooms have a bunk bed with a double mattress on the bottom and a single mattress up top. The 3rd has a king bed

- Cabin #3 sleeps 8

### **Cabin #5 - \$2,000/week + HST (May to September)**

On the back hill and across the bridge, this cabin has 2 bedrooms. The first bedroom has a queen bed and the second bedroom has a single bed and single bunk beds.

- Cabin #5 sleeps 8

### **Rent Entire Fishing Camp:-\$11,000/week + HST (May to September)**

This option includes access to Cabins #1, #3, #5 as well as the Cedar Panabode Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and 1 bedroom.

## What to Bring

- A smile and willingness to relax!
- Appropriate clothing as days are warm & evenings are cooler
- Personal towels for swimming and showering
- Personal toiletries
- Sunscreen, Sunglasses & Hats
- Septic & environmentally friendly personal soap, shampoo & conditioner
- Fishing licence
- Fishing gear & favorite lures
- Life Jackets
- Liquid Benadryl
- Personal groceries, beverages and ice

Note: It is wise to have liquid Benadryl, in case of a snakebite. The eastern side of the Georgian Bay is a protected area for the Massassagua rattle snake; they are timid, but venomous. The bites are typically not fatal but medical attention is required.

## What Not to Bring

- Do not bring too much stuff. It is really not needed as what comes “in” must go back “out”.
- Don't bring:
  - Dish Soap, tea towels, small appliances
  - Glass beer & beverage bottles (cans preferred)
  - Garbage or recycling bags
  - Paper towels & Kleenex



# The Fishing Season, Schedules & Lures

Well, this is probably one of the reasons you are coming, and for good reason. The mouth of the Key River is one of the most productive fisheries in Ontario. With the thousands of Islands, Inlets and weed beds the access to bait fish is enormous. As a result, the size and quantity of big fish are fabulous.

Whether you are fishing for Walleye (Pickerel), Pike, Bass or Muskie, there are well known areas and the possibility of catching trophies is very real; just look at the pictures of recent catches on the web site – or visit the logbooks at the lodge.

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Our one request is that you release all fish that will not be consumed. Catch and release has really taken on – and – for obvious reasons helps sustain the fisheries.

## **Prime Fishing Schedule**

### **Walleye**

Prime time is mid-May to late June, as the season progresses go fishing later into the evening. Technically, the season opens on the 1st of May.

During the Spring, many fish for Walleye and Pike in the Key River, the Mouth of the River and the local Georgian Bay inlets.

### **Northern Pike**

Prime time is mid-May to late June. They slow down in the summer heat, but sometimes the summer is surprisingly productive!

### **Bass**

They love the warm water, so end of June right through September. Both large and small mouths abound; there are some monster bass in the area.

Large mouths are found in quieter dark waters in the inlets and the Small mouths are in more open areas. Once they hit, they go nuts!

### **Muskie**

We start mid August through to October. Simply monsters! Bounce big lures and hang on!

Please respect the slot time.

The slot limits help protect our fishery and ensure it continues to thrive.

## Other Lodge Activities

*While the fishing is often the draw, you will be amazed at the beauty of nature around you. Specifically, you will find the sunsets to be world class. Some of the activities include:*

- *Swimming – we have a wonderful swim raft*
- *Kayaking – Kayak rentals are available at Key Harbour Lodge*
- *Extraordinary sunsets for landscape artists & photographers*
- *Wildlife viewing, such as bear, moose, beaver, fox, snakes, turtles & mink*
- *Birds such as loons, bald eagles, sandhill cranes and herons are just a few for the bird watchers to enjoy*
- *Supervised communal fire pit outside - Note: It is important to observe all Fire Ratings & Fire bans!*

*Diamond Key is just a simple, quiet and beautiful area to rest and enjoy.*

## Families & Fun

*Diamond Key is a great family place too! Although fishing is Diamond Key Resort's main attraction there is something here for every member of the family who loves the outdoors.*

*Families, couples, and groups return year after year to enjoy the natural unspoiled beauty of the area, to fish or just explore the scenic shoreline and cruise the pristine blue-green waters. Kids can fish right off the dock and be quite successful.*

*The Kids will never forget this experience, and neither will you. We have many family generations/grandkid combinations that come back year after year. In a world where life is too busy, it is simply nice to get away.*

## Frequently Asked Questions

*Do you sell fishing licences - No, please purchase in advance*

*Do you charge for the BBQ - No, each cabin has their own BBQ*

*What is the arrival day?- Typically, on a Saturday at 2:00 pm*

*What is the departure time? - Saturday at 11:00 am*

*Do you provided bedding/linen - Yes*

*Do you provide personal towels - No, please bring your own*



## Location, Directions & Maps

Diamond Key Resort is located in the North Eastern Corner of the Georgian Bay at the mouth of the Key River.

When coming to Diamond Key, you arrive at:

Camp Dore – Key River - <https://campdore.com/location/>

- a. Drive to Camp Dore (1km from Highway #69/400)
- b. Park at Camp Dore
- c. Pay for parking and boat launch - Pay camp Dore directly
- d. Launch your boat
- e. You then drive/fish your way down the protected waters of the Key River.
  - i. About 12 Km (9 miles)
  - ii. There are two slow/no wake zones. Please respect the signage
  - iii. Great fishing along the way
  - iv. Once at Key Harbor Lodge (on your right), pass through the “green” and “red” channel buoys and then head South (left).
    1. You will see our Canadian Flag at the Camp
    2. Do “not” hug the shorelines as there are shoals

Note:

You can inquire about a water taxi or additional boat rentals through Camp Dore or Key Harbour Lodge.

If you are planning to do some fishing with minnows E&R Tackle & Bait in Pointe au Baril is in our district. Please keep your receipt handy for proof of where they were purchased.

## Arrival & Departure Times

### Arrival

Check in time is 2:00 p.m.

Upon arrival, your cottage will be ready and open for you.

We want your stay to be enjoyable, so please don't be shy – ask any questions you wish. This isn't a country club – you will fit right in

### Departure

Departure time is 11:00 A.M.

- Your help with maintaining our standards is appreciated.
- Please be respectful and leave the cabin so that it is clean:
  - Ensure Garbage and Recycling are taken with you
  - Ensure Lights are off and doors are closed

Note: Please do not leave any food or garbage outside as it attracts wildlife.

## Pets

We love animals. Friendly quiet dogs are welcome at a cost of \$80/day per dog. Please pick up after them.

Note:

Please be aware that our location is a natural habitat of the Massassagua rattle snake. While they are timid and do not look for trouble, they are venomous. In the event of a bite (human or pet), take liquid Benadryl and seek medical attention in Parry Sound immediately!

# Emergencies

- Please call 911.
- There is a helicopter pad (only for emergency use) in the Key Harbour, so help is not far away. The helicopter can be at Diamond Key in twenty minutes, from Sudbury.
- If the Emergency involves fire, please exit the building immediately and go towards the Lake.

# Contact Information

Many cell phone services now work very well. Stand on the rock and give them a try.

We also have free Internet for your convenience.

### Hosts

Chris and Ann Silverthorne

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